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WASHINGTON, October 26, 1981 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,743 in September, compared with 798 in August and 4,406 in September 1980, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Orders through the first nine months of this year totaled 15,327, compared with 35,369 for the same period last year.

Cars placed in service in September totaled 3,613, compared with 3,249 in August and 7,146 in September 1980. For the first nine months of this year, 38,020 cars had been placed in service, compared with 69,179 for the comparable period of 1980.

As of October 1, 22,105 cars were on order and undelivered, compared with 23,985 on September 1 and 64,613 on October 1, 1980. Average backlog for the year so far is 35,171, compared with 87,669 at the same point last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that major American railroads added 47 new and rebuilt diesel locomotives to their fleet in September, compared with 43 in August and 80 in September 1980.

As of October 1, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,846, compared with 28,596 on October 1, 1980.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of October 1 was 228, compared with 267 on September 1 and 595 on October 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	3,299	6,596	2,971	34,431	63,656
Built New in R.R. Shops	230	351	213	2,742	4,401
Built New - Total	3,529	6,947	3,184	37,173	68,057
Rebuilt	84	199	65	847	1,122
TOTAL DELIVERED	3,613	7,146	3,249	38,020	69,179
Locomotives	47	80	43	555	1,388

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,743	4,406	798	13,974	31,391
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	253	2,915
To be built New - Total	1,743	4,406	798	14,227	34,306
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	1,100	1,063
TOTAL ORDERED	1,743	4,406	798	15,327	35,369

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	19,837	59,806	21,403	31,899	81,760
To be built New in R.R. Shops	2,015	4,766	2,245	2,963	5,590
To be built New - Total	21,852	64,572	23,648	34,862	87,350
To be rebuilt	253	41	337	309	319
TOTAL ON ORDER	22,105*	64,613	23,985	35,171	87,669
Locomotives	228	595	267	337	912

*Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the October 1, 1981 backlog has been reduced by 10 cars.

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